

20 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Miss Marion Worthing, State/OIR
FROM : Executive Secretary, EDIC
SUBJECT : FOA Comments on OIR Report No. 6714

1. In response to the EDIC action of 9 December when members were requested to comment on the substance and conclusions of this OIR report, FOA has submitted the following:

- a) The point should be made that by increasing its exports to the West, the Soviet bloc is in fact building up its standby facilities which can be used to meet both military and civilian requirements in the event of an emergency.

On page 3, examples might be added to amplify the second paragraph concerning attractions of Soviet petroleum exports. Israel, Iceland and Greece are examples of countries whose indigenous production is being exchanged for Soviet oil.

- e) With respect to production of this type paper, would it be appropriate to refer it to the Petroleum Subcommittee of the Economic Intelligence Committee?

2. Please bring the foregoing comments to the attention of [redacted] for whatever action he may consider appropriate.

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